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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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AFDROUGHT

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJ: WEST GERMANS AIRLIFTING GRAIN MALI

1. TWO C-160 TRANSPORT PLANES ARRIVED FROM WEST GERMANY AUGUST 15 TO BEGIN TWO WEEKS OF AIRLIFT OPERATIONS TO MALI'S DROUGHT STRICKEN SIXTH REGION IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM MALI GOVERNMENT. THE GOM HAS SCHEDULED THE THREE U.S. C-130 TO FLY TRANSPORT GRAIN TO GOUNDAM (CLOSED FOR MORE THAN MONTH FOR AIRPORT REPAIRS) AND TO THE REGIONAL CAPITAL GAO. THE GERMAN AIRCRAFT WILL FLY TO TIMBUKTU AND GAO. WITH A SMALLER GRAIN CAPACITY (THE C-160 WILL HAUL ABOUT 10 TONS COMPARED TO 15 SHORT TONS FOR THE C-130), AUGMENTED AIRLIFT PROVIDED BY C-160'S WILL ENABLE THE GOM PROVIDE FOLLOWING DAILY SUPPLIES TO SIXTH REGION USING COMBINED U.S.-GERMAN AIRLIFT: (1) GOUNDAM: 60 SHORT TONS DAILY; (2) TIMBUKTU: 20 SHORT TONS; AND (3) GAO: 50 SHORT TONS, FOR TOTAL DAILY GRAIN DELIVERY SIXTH REGION ABOUT 130 SHORT TONS WHICH EXCEEDS APPROXIMATE MINIMUM DAILY REQUIREMENT OF 100 TONS MENTIONED ABIDJAN'S 5414.

2. DIFFICULT ESTIMATE GRAIN NEEDS SIXTH REGION SINCE

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ACTUAL POPULATION UNKNOWN. WHILE GOM INSISTS THAT POPULATION

HAS INCREASED SIXTH REGION, NIAMEY'S 2520 NOTES THAT 40,000  
MALI NOMADS LIVING IN NIGER. GOM REPORT AVAILABLE EMBASSY GIVES  
NORMAL YEARLY CONSUMPTION SIXTH REGION AT 70,000  
METRIC TONS (78,000 SHORT TONS) AND HAS ESTIMATED THAT MINIMUM  
GRAIN NEEDS WOULD REDUCE FIGURE BY 1/3 TO ABOUT 52,000 SHORT  
TONS OR 4,333 SHORT TONS ON MONTHLY BASIS. COMBINED U.S.-GERMAN  
AIRLIFT BRINGS ABOUT 3900 SHORT TONS SIXTH REGION WHICH INDICATES  
PRESENT SHORTFALL SIXTH REGION IS 433 TONS ON MONTHLY BASIS.  
RIVER TRANSPORTATION HAS BEGUN WITH PASSENGER BOATS LEAVING  
KOULIKORO FOR TIMBUKTU AND GAO AND GRAIN BARGES LEAVING SOON.  
THUS WITH GERMAN AIRLIFT AND RISING NIGER, FOOD SITUATION SIXTH  
REGION MAY BE EASING COMING WEEKS.  
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